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SUBJECT:US ATTENDANCE AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE

REF:USUN 741 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN MISSION RECOMMENDATION THAT US
SEND DELEGATION TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE, PREFERABLY HEADED BY
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AMBASSADOR YOUNG. WE HAVE DECIDED (WITH USUN CONCURRENCE)
THAT THE US SHOULD NOT RPT NOT AT THIS TIME MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONFERENCE EXPENSES BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE
ADVERSE DOMESTIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION AND INCONSIS-
TENCY WITH OUR LONGSTANDING POLICY THAT HOST GOVERN-
MENT SHOULD PAY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF UN MEETINGS HELD AWAY
FROM HEADQUARTERS.

2. IN NOTIFYING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION, MISSION SHOULD ALSO BRIEF THE BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMANS AND CANADIANS OF OUR DECISION. IN PARTICULAR, YOU SHOULD TELL THE BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT WE TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THEIR STRONG RESERVATIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE BUT FELT THAT ATTENDANCE ON OUR PART WOULD:

--ALLOW US TO INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE;
--DEMONSTRATE TO THE AFRICANS OUR INTENTION TO PAY CAREFUL HEED TO ALL FORUMS ON THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA;

DEMONSTRATE TO SOUTH AFRICA OUR DETERMINATION TO SEE CHANGE IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF ATTENDANCE WITH KEY AFRICANS (ESPECIALLY SALIM OF TANZANIA AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24, AND KAMANA OF ZAMBIA AS PRESIDENT OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA) TO DETERMINE LIKELY CONTEXT OF DECLARATION AT MAPUTO AND PROGRAM OF ACTION TO BE ADOPTED. YOU MIGHT POINT OUT TO THEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO MAPUTO DESPITE SOME STRONG ARGUMENTS THAT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT PROPOSE STEPS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO ACCEPT. WE HOPE THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE AND THAT OUR PRESENCE WILL BE UNDERSTOOD AS A GESTURE ON OUR PART TO COOPERATE IN EFFORTS AT BRINGING ABOUT PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT THEY REASSURE UK AND FRANCE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT ADOPT POSITIONS ENDORSING ARMED STRUGGLE OR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PATRIOTIC FRONT. IN ADDITION TO REASSURING THE UK AND FRANCE, IT MIGHT LEAD THEM TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT ATTENDANCE.

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